

HOUSE BILL 1619

By Richey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2,
relative to elections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-1-104, is amended by deleting
subdivision (a)(23) and substituting:

(23) "Recognized minor party" means a group or association that has
successfully petitioned by filing with the coordinator of elections a petition that conforms
to requirements established by the coordinator of elections and that bears the signatures
of registered voters equal to at least:

(A) To be a recognized minor party in a statewide election, five hundred
(500) signatures from registered voters of this state;

(B) To be a recognized minor party in an election for a seat in either
house of the general assembly, two hundred fifty (250) signatures from
registered voters within the respective senate or house of representatives district;
and

(C) To be a recognized minor party in an election for another public
office, one hundred twenty-five (125) signatures from registered voters within the
district that the prospective party candidate would represent;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-13-107(a), is amended by deleting
the second sentence of subdivisions (1) and (2) and substituting for each sentence:

The petition must conform to the requirements established pursuant to § 2-1-
104(a)(23).

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-13-107(f), is amended by deleting all language after the first sentence.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.